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Sir:

As noted in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 20, 2006, the parent of the present application is involved in an infringement action. Also involved in that same litigation is U.S. Patent No. 6,183,693. Both the parent of the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,183,693 were involved in reexamination proceedings. Each reexamination resulted in the issuance of an Ex Parte Reexamination Certificate confirming the patentability of all claims.

In separate infringement actions involving U.S. Patent Nos. 6,541,261 and 6,783,733, which claim priority to U.S. Patent No. 6,183,693, the defendant has alleged that inequitable conduct was committed during the prosecution of the parent application. Although these allegations are baseless and the arguments presented by the defendant are not believed to be material, Applicants are providing a copies of filings made by the defendant. These documents were filed under seal, but have been released from the protective order by agreement of all parties to the litigation.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted under 37 CFR 1.97(b). Enclosed herewith is a Listing of References and a copy of each of the cited references, AY-AR2.

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